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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 1697

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVES AND GUIDELINES,  
FY 1977-81

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE SUMMARY STATEMENT REQUESTED BY PARA  
3(B) OF REFTEL

2. AS ALREADY INDICATED  
IN THE PROPOSED CASP FOR 1976-77,  
WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT GRANT MATERIEL ASSISTANCE TO  
GUATEMALA AFTER FY 1976 IS JUSTIFIED IN TERMS OF THE  
REQUIREMENTS AS STATED IN REFTEL. GUATEMALA IS SELF-  
SUFFICIENT, WITH APPROPRIATE AMOUNTS OF FMS CREDIT, IN  
DEFENSE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT, AND SMALL AMOUNTS OF GRANT  
MATERIEL WE HAVE BEEN DISPENSING BUY US NEITHER SIGNIFICANT  
INFLUENCE NOR REMEDY SIGNIFICANT GAPS IN THEIR PROCUREMENT  
THAT THEY WOULD NOT, IN ABSENCE OF OUR ASSISTANCE, FILL  
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THEMSELVES.

3. CONTINUED GRANT MILITARY TRAINING ASSISTANCE IS ANOTHER MATTER. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT CONTINUATION OF MODERATE GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR THIS PURPOSE BECAUSE THE INFLUENCE AND PRESTIGE IT GIVES US WITH THE GUATEMALAN MILITARY ARE INVALUABLE. NO AMOUNT OF MATERIEL, ON GRANT OR CREDIT, WILL CONTINUE THE ORIENTATION OF THE GUATEMALAN OFFICER CORPS TOWARD THE U.S. IF THEY ARE TRAINED IN EUROPE, OR ELSEWHERE; BUT IF TRAINED IN U.S., PURCHASE OF US MATERIEL WILL FOLLOW NATURALLY - PROVIDED U.S. TERMS ARE AT ALL COMPETITIVE. THE SMALL ANNUAL REQUIREMENT FOR MANY MILITARY SKILL INPUTS WILL DICTATE THAT GUATEMALA TRAIN OFFICERS ABROAD BECAUSE IT IS UNECONOMICAL TO ESTABLISH A FULL TRAINING BASE HERE.

4. FMS CREDIT IS KEY PART OF OUR COUNTRY PROGRAM. FEW DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, CERTAINLY NOT GUATEMALA, CAN AFFORD TO MAKE MAJOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES FOR CASH. LACK OF REASONABLE AMOUNT OF CREDIT WILL DRIVE EVEN US-TRAINED, STRONGLY US-ORIENTED MILITARY TO OTHER COUNTRIES FOR EQUIPMENT, AND THEREBY INEVITABLY TO SAME COUNTRIES FOR TRAINING TEAMS AND ADVISERS. WE BELIEVE RECOMMENDATIONS WE HAVE MADE IN CASP AND POM ADEQUATELY MEET GUATEMALA'S NEEDS DURING PLANNING PERIOD.

5. U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS' ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO GUATEMALA OF THE TYPE AND AT THE LEVELS ANTICIPATED OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS WILL HAVE NO IMPACT ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE THE SAME IN ABSENCE OF ECONOMIC AID. GUATEMALA RECEIVES NO MILITARY AID FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS. MELOY

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